

Proceedings of the Mysore Representative Assembly, 1914.

MEMORANDUM.

The thirty first session of the representative raiyats, merchants and others was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore on Wednesday, the 30th September 1914 and succeeding days, the Dewan Mr. M. Visvesvaraya, C.I.E., presiding.

2. In accordance with the system of triennial election instituted in 1894, the taluk members elected in 1912 continued to hold their seats during the year 1914.

3. The total number of representatives returned, excluding those whose seats have become vacant owing to death or other causes, was 280 as shown below:—

Representatives from 68 taluks including sub-taluks	...	...	206
Representatives from 26 Municipalities	...	...	41
Representatives from 8 Local Boards	...	...	16
Representatives from 17 Associations	...	...	17
Total			280

4. The privilege of electing a member to the Representative Assembly from the Hunsur Municipality was suspended for one year in view of the apathy exhibited at the election meetings by the non-official members of that body.

5. Of the total number of members, viz. 280.

3 were Europeans
14 „ Mahomedans
263 „ Hindus

Arranged according to occupations:—

59 were merchants
3 „ sahkars
62 „ village officers (patels and shanbhogs)
117 „ landholders
31 „ lawyers
8 followed other professions.

The attendance of members at the meetings of the Assembly this year was 186 as against 238 in the previous year. The decrease in attendance was partly due to the prevalence of plague in the Mysore City at the time of the Dasara.

6. The Hon'ble Col. Sir Hugh Daly, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., the British Resident in Mysore, the European guests of His Highness the Maharaja and a large body of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day of the Assembly. The members of the State Council, the Heads of various departments and other principal officers of the State were also present.

7. The Dewan delivered the annual Address to the Assembly. A Kannada translation of the same was subsequently read by Mr. D. M. Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.L., Officiating Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

8. Addresses from the following institutions and bodies were read and presented to the Dewan by the gentlemen named against each :—

The Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board by Mr. C. H. Richards.

The South Mysore Planters' Association by Mr. J. G. H. Crawford.

The Members of the Kadur District by Mr. H. Krishna Rao.

The Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore, by Mr. Puttegowda.

The Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore, by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.

The Members of the Nanjangud Municipal Council by Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.

The Members of the Representative Assembly by Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri and M. Venkatakrishnaiah.

These Addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed in Appendix A.

9. The representations made by members were discussed at the sittings held from the 1st to the 7th October 1914, both days inclusive. The replies of the Government and summary of the discussions will be found at pages 1 to 82 of this publication.

10. Mr. H. K. Veerabasavaiah, one of the 8 non-official members of the Economic Conference, having vacated his seat on the Economic Conference consequent on his appointment as Munsiff, a fresh election was held on the 3rd October 1914. Mr. M. Basavaiah having secured the largest number of votes was appointed to the vacancy.

The papers connected with the election are printed in Appendix E.

11. At the close of the discussions on the 7th October 1914, Messrs. Amblé Anniah Pandit, C. Vasudeva Rao and H. Krishna Sastri expressed, on behalf of the Assembly, their grateful appreciation of the several beneficial measures adopted and carried out by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja during the past two years and for the patient and indulgent hearing given by the Dewan to the members of the Assembly in the discussion of subjects, and prayed that their sentiments of loyalty and gratitude might be conveyed to His Highness.

The concluding speeches referred to above and the Dewan's reply thereto are printed in Appendix F.

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